THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Funds released to State Government of Karnataka from 1997-98 to till date for the implementation of ICDS Scheme are as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002 (till date) (Instalment-I)
5158.03	5709.83	5111.35	7466.18	1719.00

(b) Funds have been released.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) A proposal was received for sanctioning of 6655 Anganwadi Centres.

Educational Scheme for Handicapped and Destitute Children

†2814. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government scheme for education of handicapped and destitute children;

(b) the details of financial assistance being provided for education of handicapped children for the last three years;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to Bihar also under this head and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children is being implemented by this Department for bringing mild/moderate disabled children to normal school system. It includes training of teachers, preparation of learning materials and certain facilities to disabled children to provide access.

(b) An amount of Rs. 880.18 lakhs. Rs. 1290.02 lakhs, Rs. 1490.61 lakhs were released to various States/NGOs under this scheme for 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, respectively.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Yes. During 1994-95, a total amount of Rs. 26,58,452/- was released to State Government of Bihar including the grant of Rs. 4,10,788/- to Bihar Blind People's Care Society, Patna for implementation of this programme. The State Government of Bihar has not sent the utilisation certificate for this grant. However, on the recommendation of the State Government of Bihar an amount of Rs. 12,53,877/- to this NGO, Bihar Blind People's Care Society, Patna has been sanctioned for the year 2000-2001.

Area Studies Programmes in Universities

2815. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in which universities the Area Studies Programmes, approved by the UGC, are functioning;

(b) the financial grant provided by the UGC for these programmes; and

(c) whether UGC has decided to reduce/cut grants to Area Studies Programmes, due to paucity of funds?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has approved 19 Area Studies Centres at 17 Universities. A list of these Centres/Universities showing the details of financial grant/facilities approved by UGC, both recurring and non-recurring, for five years w.e.f. 1.4.1999, is enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

List of area Studies Centres/Universities and details of Financial Grant/ Facilities approved by UGC for these centres of five years w.e.f. 1.4.1999

S. No.	Name of the Centre/ University	Financial assistance (Non-recurring) (Rs. in lakhs)	Facilities approved (Recurring)
1.	Centre for Studies on Indo-China, Sri Venkateswara University	14.00	Scholars/Research/ Project Fellow-2